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AMBASSADOR OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TOKYO

REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD
BLACK SHIPS FESTIVAL
MAY 1986
SHIMODA, JAPAN

Mayor Iketani, Admiral Cossey, Admiral Oki,
distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

It is once again an honor and pleasure to be in Shimoda for the "Kurofune Matsuri", which marks the first time our two countries met 132 year ago. It was then that our destinies became intertwined in what is now the most important bilateral relationship in the world -- bar none. One can only imagine how difficult those first encounters between Americans and Japanese of radically different histories and cultures were.

It was here in Shimoda where it all began --

1 century and 3 decades ago, or
6 score and 12 years ago, or
13 decades and 2 years ago, or
133 years ago!

Our President at that time was Millard Fillmore, the 14th President of the United States; today President Reagan is our 40th. President Fillmore through Commandore Perry sent a personal letter to the Emperor of Japan. It was delivered to representatives of the Tokugawa Shogunate and did not, I believe, ever reach His Majesty. The subject covered in President Fillmore's communication did not contain, nor was it about, the opening of Japan to the West; it was instead a plea to the Emperor asking for better treatment for American sailors engaged in whaling activities in the North Pacific and the Sea of Japan. What the President had in mind was a more hospitable climate and more consideration to be given to shipwrecked sailors and others cast afloat in Japan especially, I believe, in the City of Hakodate in Hokkaido.

The ships we see in Shimoda today, and they are most pleasing to behold, will be matched by a squadron of Japanese ships which will appear off Newport, Rhode Island in late July of this year. There, another Black Ships Festival will be held, the third celebration, and it is a pleasure to contemplate that on that occasion Admiral Konishi and his training squadron will be in attendance. These ships represent us as partners in security and partners in peace.

But thanks to the efforts of farsighted, dedicated statesmen, educators, businessmen, and concerned private citizens, we can look back and appreciate the fact that the U.S.-Japan relationship -- which began with the drama of the black ships, the tense negotiations between Townsend Harris and the Bakufu, the shock and sometimes violence involved in opening Japan to the world -- has overcome the barriers of language, culture, and distance. The "Kurofune Matsuri" affords us the chance to reflect upon the sacrifices these people made on behalf of their countries and to reaffirm our commitment to an ever stronger, ever deeper bilateral relationship.

The U.S.-Japan relationship continues to be the pioneering bilateral relationship between the Orient and the West. Now, however, as the 20th century approaches its final decade, we find ourselves faced with an even greater challenge. I firmly believe the next century will be the Century of the Pacific, and that the peaceful, prosperous development of the Pacific Basin will depend on the strength, reliability and durability of the U.S.-Japan relationship, which in turn depends on our shared commitment to political democracy, free market economies, and individual liberties.

As we commemorate Commodore Perry and his black ships' arrival, let us remember how far we have come and how far we have yet to go.

Remember also that it was here in Shimoda where with the Commodore, the ^{Council} ~~Council~~, and the Shogunate first got together and where it all began.

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13 Decades + 2 years ago

Fallmore (14) Reagan 40

Letter to the Emperor

Delivered to Tokyo and Shogun

Whaling!

Ships in Shimoda Bay today -

Newport in July

Admiral Konishi + train square

Partners in Security

Peace

11:00-12:00PM

12:15-1:00PM

2:30PM

3:00PM

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NOTE:

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Danny Kuesel.....Room 629

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Buwa.....Room 603

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Adm. Coesey.....Room 620

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Saturday, May 17, 1986

Breakfast: Private

9:30AM Assemble in Hotel lobby. (9:20 in case of rain)

10:00-11:00AM Blackship Festival Ceremony at Shiroyama Park. (In the event of rain will be held in School Gymnasium)

CEREMONY:

1. Opening remarks by the Speaker of Shimoda Assembly.
2. National Anthems and hoisting of flags.
3. Wreath Laying Ceremony
(Ambassador followed by 17 other VIPs)
4. Opening Message
Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture Keizaburo YAMAMOTO
Mayor of Shimoda Kiyoshi IKETANI
5. Congratulatory Messages
Ambassador MANSFIELD
Parliamentary Vice Foreign Minister Yasuoki URANO
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan Adm. Cossey
U.S. Japan Society Masaru OGAWA
6. Presentation of Awards
Ambassador's Cup (Ambassador Mansfield)
Mayor's Cup (Mayor Iketani)
Newport Cup (RAdm. Cossey)
7. Closing Address by the Speaker of Shimoda Assembly.

11:00-12:00PM Parade (Ambassador rides with Mayor in open car).

12:15-1:00PM VIP luncheon hosted by Mayor at Tokyu Hotel.

2:30PM Depart Shimoda by helicopter.

3:00PM Arrive at Hardy Barracks.

3:20PM Return to Residence.

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** * * with Commodore Perry
the Consul & the Shogun's representative*



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Shimoda was where it all began

Thursday, May 12

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6 score + 13 yrs. ago

13 decades + 3 years ago

Perry, Pres. Fillmore + A. A. Phelps

Friday, May 13, 1888

Shogunate

Admiral Koinishii + Irving Squier

Naupaka

Ships in Bay

Partners in defense

Viewing of fireworks from the top of Masaki Hotel

Thursday, May 15

2:30PM Depart Residence for Hardy Barracks.

3:00PM Depart for Shimoda by helicopter with Adm. Cossey from Hardy Barracks, accompanied by Danny and Takebuchi-san.

3:40PM Arrive in Shimoda, transfer to Shimoda Tokyu Hotel.

NOTE: The Ambassador will be asked to sign a certificate for the winner of this year's painting contest. The certificate will be left at the hotel for the Ambassador to sign on arrival.

Dinner: Private

Friday, May 16, 1986

Morning: Free
Breakfast/Lunch: Private

3:00-3:30PM Return courtesy call on Mayor.
Participants:
Ambassador Mansfield
Admiral McCarthy
Admiral Cossey
Commander of Yokosuka Naval Base
Commanders of visiting Naval ships

3:30-3:40PM Following the courtesy call, the Ambassador will receive the U.S. Ambassador's Cup from last year's painting contest winner (Miss Naryu) and present her with a replica. The Shimoda and Newport Mayor's Cups will be similarly returned to the Mayor and a representative of Newport R.I.

6:00-7:30PM Garden party hosted by Mayor at Tokyu Hotel.

8:10-9:00PM Viewing of fireworks from the top of Masaki Hotel (Ambassador's attendance optional).

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